APPLICATION

Outstanding Graduate Student Award
2013

Application deadline is 12pm (noon), Monday, March 18th. Return completed form to the office of the Department of Criminal Justice at GUA Room 5150.

This award is granted to an overall outstanding graduate student who will be graduating in 2013.

1. The applicant must submit a draft of the thesis and/or the paper and other relevant material.

2. The applicant must be graduating in 2013.

3. The award recipient is required to attend the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Award ceremony.

Name:
UNLV ID#:
GPA:
Expected Graduation Date:
Home Address:
Phone Number:

Submit a brief personal statement that shows why you deserve this award. (You may attach a type-written personal statement to this application.)

Personal Statement
Criteria

1. Thesis and/or paper(s) based on the criteria listed below;
2. Overall performance as a graduate or teaching assistant;
3. Overall performance as a graduate student both in and outside the classroom;
4. Participation in professional activities including presentation of papers at professional meetings;
5. Leadership or participation in departmental, community and student affairs.

Thesis/Paper Criteria

1. Thesis/paper may be conceptual and/or empirical but must be directly related to criminal justice;
2. Quality of the conceptualization;
3. Significance of the topic;
4. Literature review:
   a. command of relevant work in the field;
   b. whether relevant literature is summarized;
   c. whether important references are included;
   d. whether literature review provide justification for the study;
5. Methodology and analysis:
   a. clarity and aptness of methods;
   b. appropriateness of data to answer research questions;
   c. whether limitations of the data have been addressed;
   d. whether different/additional analyses would improve the study;
   e. whether findings have been presented clearly;
6. Findings and discussion:
   a. whether discussion relate back to literature review and purpose of study;
   b. whether limitations of methodology have been addressed;
   c. whether directions for future research have been suggested;
7. Contribution to criminal justice:
   a. whether the study address an important issue;
   b. whether it makes a unique contribution to the literature in the substantive area; or
   c. whether the study has the potential to contribute to policy decisions at the local, state, or federal level;
8. Quality of the writing and presentation;
9. Has the paper been presented at a professional meeting?
10. Has the paper been published or accepted for publication at a refereed journal? If so, the paper will be rated high with extra points.
11. Extra points will be awarded for the following:
   a. Data collected, coded and analyzed primarily by the student;
   b. Originally conceptualized by the student, if it is a conceptual paper;
   c. Authored primarily by the student.